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# S. 3781

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

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other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Preparedness  
5       and Hazard Mitigation Improvement Act of 2006”.

6       **SEC. 2. HAZARD MITIGATION.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to hazard mitigation  
8       activities in response to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane  
9       Rita, the President may provide assistance in accordance  
10      with section 404(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-

1 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c(a)),  
2 except that, notwithstanding that section—

3           (1) the President may contribute up to 90 per-  
4           cent of the cost of hazard mitigation measures de-  
5           scribed in that section;

6           (2) the assistance shall be available for not less  
7           than 5 years; and

8           (3) except as provided in subsection (b), the  
9           total contributions under that section for a major  
10          disaster shall not exceed 15 percent of the estimated  
11          aggregate amount of grants to be made under that  
12          Act with respect to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane  
13          Rita, as appropriate.

14          (b) APPROVAL OF ENHANCED PLAN.—For purposes  
15          of calculating total contributions under subsection (a)(3),  
16          the President may consider an enhanced plan of the State  
17          of Louisiana or Mississippi to have been approved under  
18          section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
19          Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5165) at the time  
20          at which a major disaster relating to Hurricane Katrina  
21          or Hurricane Rita was declared by the President to exist  
22          on or after August 29, 2005, in accordance with section  
23          401 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), if the Under Secretary  
24          for Emergency Preparedness and Response, acting  
25          through the Director of the Federal Emergency Manage-

1 ment Agency, approves the plan by not later than 180  
2 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 3. HURRICANE AND FLOOD PROTECTION AND COAST-**  
4 **AL RESTORATION PROJECTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any funds made available for haz-  
6 ard mitigation in the State of Louisiana under section 404  
7 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
8 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c), as modified by section  
9 2, in excess of \$500,000,000 may be made available, as  
10 the Governor of the State of Louisiana determines to be  
11 appropriate, for—

12 (1) the design and construction of hurricane  
13 and flood protection projects and coastal restoration  
14 projects in the State to reduce storm surge in any  
15 area in the State in which a major disaster relating  
16 to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita was de-  
17 clared by the President to exist on or after August  
18 29, 2005, in accordance with section 401 of the  
19 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
20 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170);

21 (2) the construction and improvement of Fed-  
22 eral-aid highways (including interstate routes) or  
23 State highways within an area described in para-  
24 graph (1) that the Governor of the State determines  
25 to be integral for the evacuation of southern Lou-

1        isiana in response to a hurricane or other disaster;  
2        and

3            (3) carrying out any coordinated effort author-  
4        ized by the Governor (including through grants pro-  
5        vided to faith-based organizations) relating to—

6            (A) environment or land use management;

7            (B) economic development;

8            (C) the acquisition or disposition of prop-  
9        erty, in accordance with subsection (b);

10          (D) property management; or

11          (E) urban homesteading.

12        (b) ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.—No funds made  
13        available pursuant to this Act shall be used to acquire  
14        property or an interest in property without the consent  
15        of the owner of the property or interest.

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